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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES WITH
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A two (2) month extension of time, from August 15, 2003, to and including October 15, 2003, is requested to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (voluntary revised practice) mailed July 15, 2003 in the above-referenced application. A check in the amount of \$410.00 is enclosed in view of the large entity status of the application.

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